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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING OF TV
SPECIALISTS

REF: LIBREVILLE 2077

1. ANALYSIS OF REFTEL RESULTED IN FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY
OBSERVATIONS:

A) LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS PRECLUDES SPECIALLY ADAPTED
COURSEWORK. AS A RESULT, CANDIDATES WILL NEED ENGLISH
FLUENCY TO HOLD OWN IN FAST-MOVING CLASSES. SIX MONTHS
INTENSIVE ENGLISH MORE REALISTIC FOR FULL FLUENCY. PAST
EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT ONLY HIGHLY MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS
ABLE TO WITHSTAND MORE THAN THREE MONTHS. THEREFORE, IN
ORDER TO USE COMPETITION AS A MOTIVATOR, POST MAY WISH TO
SUGGEST THAT GOG SEND FOR INTENSIVE ENGLISH TWICE AS MANY
CANDIDATES AS WOULD FOLLOW TV INSTRUCTION. BEST LANGUAGE
STUDENTS WOULD GO ON TO TV COURSEWORK, WHILE OTHERS WOULD
SPEND THIRTY DAYS TOURING U.S. TV FACILITIES AND CONSULTING
WITH SPECIALISTS WITH PROGRAM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID BY
GOG AND AN ESCORT/INTERPRETER PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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B) SHORT-TERM REQUIREMENT MAKES MOST UNIVERSITY TV IN

STRUCTION PROGRAMS IMPRACTICAL. WE WILL FOCUS ON COMMER-
CIAL TRAINING INSTEAD.

2. CU/AF IS PRESENTLY SEARCHING FOR AN ORGANIZATION
INTERESTED IN PLACING TV STUDENTS. ONE STUMBLING BLOCK IS
GABONESE REPUTATION FOR LATE OR NON-PAYMENT. POST MAY
WISH TO DESIGN WITH GOG SATISFACTORY AND RELIABLE METHOD
FOR GUARANTEED PAYMENT. COSTS LIKELY TO BE: MAINTENANCE
(ROOM AND BOARD)--\$350/MONTH; TUITION FOR INTENSIVE
ENGLISH--\$2000 FOR SIX MONTHS; TUITION FOR COURSEWORK--
\$3000 FOR NINE MONTHS.

3. DEPENDENTS SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY. ROBINSON

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